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Texas Tax Return Preparer Indicted for Aiding and Assisting in the Preparation of False Tax Returns

A DeSoto, Texas, resident was indicted on 29 counts of aiding and assisting in the preparation of false income tax returns and three counts of willfully failing to file income tax returns, announced Acting Assistant Attorney General Caroline D. Ciraolo of the Justice Department's Tax Division and U.S. Attorney John R. Parker of the Northern District of Texas.

According to court documents, Vicki Louise Walker, was a tax preparer doing business under the name Vicki Walker Tax Services LLC in Dallas, Texas. Walker is alleged to have prepared numerous tax returns for tax years 2010 through 2013 on which she reported false items, including false filing status, false business expenses, false capital losses and false charitable donations. It is further alleged that Walker willfully failed to file her own tax returns with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) for tax years 2011 through 2013.

If convicted, Walker faces a statutory maximum sentence of three years in prison for each count of aiding and assisting in the preparation of false tax returns and a statutory maximum sentence of one year in prison for each count of failing to file her own tax returns. She also faces monetary penalties and restitution.

An indictment merely alleges that crimes have been committed and the defendant is presumed innocent until proved guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

Acting Assistant Attorney General Ciraolo and U.S. Attorney Parker commended special agents of IRS-Criminal Investigation, who investigated the case and Trial Attorney Robert J. Boudreau of the Tax Division and Assistant U.S. Attorney Christopher Stokes of the Northern District of Texas, who are prosecuting this case.

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